

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Burrrrr: It's Inclement Weather Season A Message from Superintendent Wes Owens

As the days get shorter and the temperature drops, it is obvious that the winter season is approaching in Sherman County. Although various types of emergencies may cause closure, early dismissal, or delay of schools anytime of the year, the winter months always carry the increased likelihood of such occurrences. As always, our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Please understand that we make the decision to open, delay, or close school for inclement weather conditions based on an extremely thorough and continuous analysis until a final decision is made prior to 6:00 a.m. These decisions are not always perfect and are often complicated by our varied elevations and unpredictable weather in our geographically diverse county. With all of this being said, we completely understand that you as parents/guardians know what is best for your child. If you believe your child would be safer at home during inclement weather conditions, we respect and understand that decision. In addition, please understand that Mid-Columbia Bus Company buses sometimes can be delayed on regularly scheduled bus routes due to their focus on safety. If a school delay, early dismissal or closure occurs, we will communicate through our School Messenger system. This method of communication has proven to be very effective. Please remember that parents/guardians/staff can be prepared to receive prompt communication from the District by ensuring that phone numbers are up-to-date with school office staff. You can do this by calling Sherman County School at 541-565-3500. In addition, closures and delays are also reported on local TV and Radio stations and on the web at www.FlashAlert.net.

In the event we need to implement or alter certain bus routes, this may be communicated to you through the School Messenger system. Often representatives from Mid-Columbia Bus Company will personally contact certain families to communicate any alterations to transportation plans.

Lastly, we want to remind everyone of Board Policy (EBCD) regarding ½ Day Friday Schedules and emergency closures. If the District closes for a full day due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, the ½ Day Friday at the end of that week will automatically become a full day Friday unless there is a school closure on that particular Friday. When there is a 2-hour delay, the ½ Day Friday at the end of the week will not be altered. The reason behind this policy is that the Board believes students are better served by being in school as much as possible during the entire school year.

I encourage your feedback and participation in the life of the Sherman County School District. I welcome your comments, feedback and questions. Please give me a call at Sherman County School at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at

wowens@sherman.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,



Wes Owens



State Band Selectee and Winter Concert

by Zoie Saunders; Photo Courtesy of Mr. Gronberg

Sherman County School has reason to toot its horn over the achievement of trumpet player Emma Witherspoon. Through a competitive audition process involving over 4000 musicians from the Pacific Northwest, Emma was one of about 1000 selected to perform at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland on February 17.

"I did not know what a big deal it was," she reported when reflecting on Mr. Gronberg's suggestion that she try out. "I just made the tape of my playing and sent it in; I'm really excited now and am looking forward to the experience," she concluded. Not only do those selected for the National Association for Music Educators All-Northwest performance have to compete to be invited, but they also have to pay a program fee to defray some of the expense of their stay in Portland while practicing for the performance beginning on February 14. Emma is hosting the concessions for the Sherman Invitational Tournament on Saturday, December 1. Or, if you missed that contact Emma or Mr. Gronberg about making donations through the school.

Winter Concert

Much joy in the holiday season comes from the sounds: laughter, giggles, voices perhaps not heard in a while, and music. On December 6, those cherished holiday melodies will echo through the Event Center beginning at 6 PM, produced from the voices and instruments of Sherman's music and band students. Arrival time and dress instructions flyer was sent home with students.



Members of the Sherman band (and student volunteers) performed for the Thanksgiving Community Dinner hosted by the Moro Presbyterian Church on Nov. 17. Emma W is pictured center back surrounded clockwise by Christian D, Darian D (volunteer), Gill W, Izzy M (volunteer), Catherine R, and Jonathan B.

We Are Monsters (Hopefully only Sometimes!)

Photo below left courtesy of Cindy Brown; others by Aurora Baker and Cali Johnson; Story by Emma Robbins



The Cast (L-R) above, back row: Hayley H, Bella W, Kiyonae R, Codie Lee H, Emma R, and Rose C; front row: Jacob L, Gage S, Austin P, Emma S (head covered), and T'Sharra L.

Top Right During Rehearsal (L-R) Bella W, Emma S, T'Sharra L, Codie Lee H and Emma R.

At Bottom (L-R) Codie, Emma R., Emma S., T'Sharra L.

We are Monsters – The Musical Performance

The Sherman Cafeteria hosted a stage full of werewolves, vampires, and the very unique Oozy Loompa during the first week of November. The monsters were all engaged in winning a talent show. But as monsters are, they were not very friendly in their competition, especially to Oozy Loompa, a 'misfit' type loner Unicorn played by freshman Rose Couch.

Through a series of song and dance numbers that do involve much chasing after each other to carry out 'attacks,' the monsters do learn that outside appearance differences do not mean that you cannot be friends. For after all, 'we are all really humans.'

The week of rehearsals, theatre and music instruction was made possible by the Oregon State Extension Service under the supervision of Cindy Brown and a grant from the Oregon 4-H Foundation. Providing direct instruction and directorial guidance was Hayley Hoyt from the Tri-Cities in Washington along with Tabettha White, Sherman 4-H Theatre Arts Leader, and Silvia Durfey of Condon.

The Cast included Ms. Hoyt as Master of Ceremonies; Werewolves were Tooth, Kiyonae Riggs; Snarly, Jacob Lanthorn; Moonface, Gage Simpson; Furr-Ball, Austin Parkki; Sunny, Bella White; Vampires were Vladimir, T'Sharra Lanthorn; Vazel, Codie Lee Haner; Vank, Emma Robbins; Valexa, Emma Sampson; and, of course, the lonely Oozy Loompa, Rose Couch.

Werewolves, Vampires and Oozy Loompa too;
Who knew they all loved to sing?



CGOA Youth Choir to Perform in the Gorge this December from Corin Parker

After a two-year hiatus, The CGOA Youth Choir, now under the direction of Corin Parker, will be performing at several locations during the 2018 holiday season. The goal of the CGOA Youth Choir is to provide high quality choral and musical ensemble instruction and exposure to a wide variety of outstanding literature, as it is open by audition to children ages 8-13.

The Youth Choir will be spreading holiday musical cheer at a number of venues around the Gorge.

The opening performance will be on December 1st at the Discovery Center in The Dalles at 10:00 AM. After that they will perform with the Cascade Singers on December 8th at 7:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church in The Dalles, and on December 9th at 1:00pm at the Columbia Center for the Arts before a matinee of "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The group will finish off the season caroling around the Hood River area on the 15th of December. The Youth Choir is one of several ensembles sponsored by the Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association, including the Symphonic Orchestra, the Vocal Choir, the Jazz Collective Big Band and Stages Theatre Company.

If your child is interested in auditioning, please contact Corin Parker at parker@nwascok12.or.us or 541-506-3350 ext. 5058. Information about all CGOA events can be found at gorgeorchestra.org

Sherman School Board

Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Bill Martin, Scott Susi



Merrie von Borstel; Vice-chair, Jesse Stutzman

December Events Calendar

by Patrick Ramos

While December is an exciting month for kicking off the school basketball season, college bowl games, and – of course – Christmas, the winter break surrounding the year-end holiday does cut down on school activities. Find below Sherman's December events calendar.

- Nov. 30 - Sherman Invite Basketball Tournament, Event Center-
Girls 6 PM
Boys 7 PM
- Dec. 1 - Sherman Invite, times TBA
Sophomore Tree Sale,
8 AM to 5 PM
Christmas Bazaar, Cafeteria
- Dec. 3 - FFA Meeting 6:15 PM, Shop
- Dec. 4 - Lions Vision Screening starting 9 AM
- Dec. 5 - OSU Adulthood and S.K.O.R.E after school*
- Dec. 6 - Winter Music Concerts
Preschool, 5 PM, Cafeteria
K-12, 6 PM, Event Center
- Dec. 7 - PTO Polar Express
- Dec. 8 - HS Basketball, Damascus Christian,
Boys only JV 3 PM, V 4:30
- Dec. 10 - MS Basketball, Horizon Christian,
Girls 4 PM, Boys 5 PM
Board Meeting 7 PM, Library
- Dec. 11 - 4-H Sewing 2 PM
MS Basketball St. Mary's
Bus Departs 2:15 PM,
Girls B 4 PM, Boys B 5 PM
HS Basketball, Trinity Lutheran
Boys JV 4:30; Boys V 6 PM
- Dec. 13 - MS Basketball, Arlington
Boys B, Girls A: 4 PM
Boys A, Girls B: 5PM
- Dec. 14/15 - HS Basketball, Hosanna
Tournament, Klamath Falls
- Dec. 20 - HS Basketball @ Ione, Bus
Departs 1:15 PM, Boys JV
(2 quarters) 4:30 PM**
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - No School, Winter Break**
- Dec. 22 - HS Basketball, Condon
V only Girls 4 PM, Boys 5:30

*Regular Weekly Event

S.K.O.R.E. an afterschool program for K-6 meets every regular-school Tuesday thru Thursday and includes a Wrestling Club that meets after the general activity on Tuesdays and Wednesdays;

OSU Adulthood program for 7-12, providing lessons over a range of life skills meets every regular Wednesday;

Gaming Club meets every regular after school, Tuesday and Wednesday unless otherwise notified;

****Begins Conference Play (excepted for tournaments or other noted contests);** additionally there is no JV Girls team this season and several conference opponents do not have a JV Boys team or have numbers that only allow a 'scrimmage' of two quarters (2 qrts).

Students of the Quarter

by Damian Baukman

What makes a Student of the Quarter? The noun *student* comes from the verb *study*. So, a noteworthy student is someone that is doing the behaviors that promote learning and, ultimately, the habits of good citizenship. This recognition begins with classroom teachers nominating students they observe doing the right things to promote learning in the classroom. Once nominated, the rest of the staff for that grade-level division vote final approval. Below are grade-level selectees and nominators for the first quarter of 2018-19.

(Photos courtesy of Lifetouch)

Elementary, Natalie P, Mrs. Roberts-Smith



Elementary, Robert W, Mrs. Amy Huffman



**7-8
Pyeper W, Mr. Z, English 7**



**High School, Catherine R
Mr. Stuart, Social Studies;
Mr. Z, English 11**



**High School, Luke M
Mr. Stuart, Social Studies;
Mr. Z, English 12**



Honorable Huskies

What makes for an Honorable Husky? The word 'honorable' is an adjective that refers to that deserving of highest esteem, of adherence to the highest standards, or of fulfilling one's obligation or duty above and beyond what was required. Honorable Huskies are, therefore, those students who possessed no unexcused absences or tardies, no referrals, and who all staff agree meet the definition of honorable. Honorable Huskies for first quarter are in alphabetical order –

Valeria Ambriz
Jordan Barrett
Harmony Bledsoe
Koby Berry
Daisy Brown
Jonathan Burgess
Owen Christiansen
Courtney Coelsch
Keenan Coles
Darian Davis
Christian Derting
Luke Fritts
Morgan Geary
Stiehl Green
CJ Johnson
Tyler Jones
Samantha Lepinski
Emily Lesh
Kole Martin
Isaak McLemore
Sean Parkki
Kaelex Peters
Henry Poirier
Emma Robbins
Eduardo Rubio
Cadence Smith
Emma Stutzman
Emma Witherspoon

1st Quarter Honor Roll, MS*

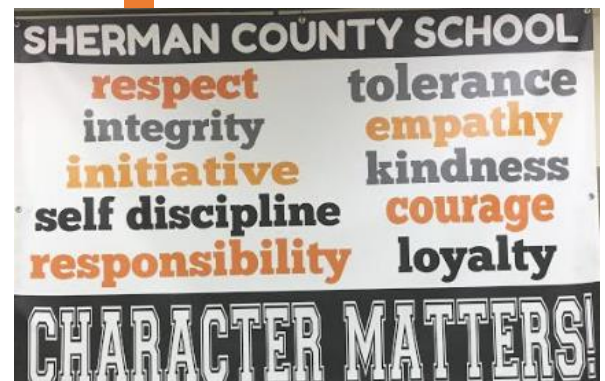
Natalie Martin and Pyeper Walker **4.0 3.5-3.99**

Madalyn Berry, Luke Fritts, Morgan Geary, Stiehl Green, Emily Lesh, Kole Martin and Sean Parkki

Honorable Mention – 3.0-3.49

Sawyer Baker, Harmony Bledsoe, Courtney Coelsch, Sophie Hulke, Kaelex Peters, Henry Poirier, Cadence Smith and Tyler Ward-Burnett

***High School Honor Roll is recorded by Semester and not by Quarter**



Husky Teams Transition to Basketball

Photos by Loren Henderson; Story by Nick Riggs

HUSKY BOYS 2018-19

With last year's team stumbling at the Quarter-Final level of the state tournament last spring, talk of a repeat is long over. That does not mean, however, that the 2018-19 Husky Boys Basketball squad is any less determined to contribute their own achievements to the legacy that is Sherman Husky Basketball. "What we lack in athleticism and ability from the past, we hope to make up for in work ethic and team execution," Senior Luke Martin stated.

He, along with fellow seniors with prior varsity extensive varsity experience – Keenan Coles and Caleb Fritts – will now lead the way along with fellow seniors Tyler Jones, Hunter Kaseberg and Bryan Macnab.

Juniors include Owen Christiansen, Luke Stone, Jeremy Ballesteros and Nick Riggs who all may see varsity action as well as Darian Davis who will start on JV.

Sophomores include Wade Fields on the varsity roster and Jed Harrison a possible varsity contributor along with Will James and Patrick Ramos who will start on the JV squad.

The freshmen include Remington Anderson-Sheer, Austin Olson, Clayton Reed, Dillan Stanfield, and Gill Witherspoon.

High School Schedule

Nov 30/ Sherman Invitational

Dec. 1 - v. Grant Union, 7:30 PM (V only)

Dec. 8 – v. Damascus Christian, JV 3 PM, V 4:30

Dec. 11 - v. Trinity Lutheran; JV 4:30, V 7PM

Dec. 14-15 – Hosanna Tournament, Klamath Falls (V only)

Dec. 20 - @Ione JV, 4:30 PM (2 Qtrs), V 7:30*
Bus departs 1:15 PM

Dec. 22 – v. Condon, V only 5:30*

Jan 4 - @ S. Wasco, V 6:30 PM; Bus departs 3PM*

Jan 5 – v. Dufur, JV 2:30 PM, V 5:30*

*Denotes League Games

Middle School Schedule

Dec. 10 – A Team v. Horizon Christian 5 PM

Dec. 11 – B Team @ St. Mary's, 5 PM

Bus departs 2:15 PM

Dec. 13 – v. Arlington, B 4 PM, A, 5 PM

Dec. 17 - @ Condon, A 4 PM, B 5 (CES)



Clockwise from top: Bryan M, Luke M and Keenan C opening practice shooting drill; Caleb F; and Luke M again with the dunk attempt. (He was successful!)

Come Watch the Huskies at the Moda Center



Don't miss your opportunity to see the Huskies play on the same court on which the Portland Trailblazers compete in the NBA. On Wednesday, January 9, the Huskies will be play on the Moda Court versus the Buckaroos of St. Paul who moved down a classification for the 2018-19 season. The Buckaroos recently finished second to Dufur in 1A football and are at number 4 in the preseason coaches' poll among 1A basketball teams.

Your purchase of a ticket to the Blazers versus Bulls game gets you general admission to sit anywhere for the Husky contest and then your purchased seat for the Blazer game. There are a range of prices beginning as low as \$14. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Dec. 7, and is done online at --

<https://fevo.me/shermancountyhs>

HUSKY GIRLS 2018-19

Senior Desiree Winslow admits that The Lady Huskies will have to make do with very few numbers and little experience. "It means that each and every one of us has to work exceptionally hard in practice, which we all are; and I am so excited to see what we can do with the potential we have," she concluded. Almost half of the squad of nine are four freshman – Allie Marker, Cali Johnson, Daisy Brown and Melanie Ponke. The Huskies will be led by just one returning senior from last season, Desiree Winslow. She will be supported by two additional seniors who are coming back after missing last season due to injuries: Taylor Henderson and CJ Johnson. The team will have one sophomore in Mercedes Cardona out for her first season of high school basketball and will return Junior post Jaelyn Justesen.



Clockwise starting with Jaelyn J with the basketball: Allie M, Taylor H, Mercedes C, Daisy B, CJ J, Desiree W, and Melanie P.

Not pictured, as she is the player Allie is closing out, is Cali J.

Below (L-R) CJ J and Desiree W



HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Nov. 30/ Sherman Invitational
Dec. 1 - v. Grant Union, 6 PM
Dec. 11 - v. Trinity Lutheran, 6 PM
Dec. 14-15 – Hosanna Tournament, Klamath Falls
Dec. 20 - @ Lone, 6 PM; Bus departs 1:15*
Dec. 22 – v. Condon, 4 PM*
Jan. 4 - @ S. Wasco, 5 PM; Bus departs 3PM*
Jan. 5 – v. Dufur, 4 PM*

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Dec. 10 – A Team v. Horizon Christian, 4 PM
Dec. 11 – B Team @ St. Mary's, 4 PM
Bus departs 2:15 PM
Dec. 13 – v. Arlington, A 4 PM, 5
Dec. 17 - @ Condon, A 4 PM, B 5 (CHS)

While the high school squads were able get their practices going immediately after the Veteran's Day holiday, the Middle School had to wait until after the Thanksgiving break. Even with the early start, the high school will have just 12 practice in before competitive play in the Sherman Invitational when both teams open against Grant Union of John Day. The middle school will have gotten in 8 practices before the A Teams open against Horizon Christian at home while the B Teams wait one more day to go on the road at St. Mary's of The Dalles.

Leading the high school boys coaching staff again this year is Gary Lewis. His assistants are Bill Martin, Tim Zacharias and Ethan Moore. Coach Z's chief responsibility will be coaching the JV squad. Coaches Steve Bird and Laurie Perisho are back to coach the girls team.

The MS girls are coached by Sammantha Roberts-Smith, Kari Peters and Doug Martin. Rick Whitaker is back to coach the MS boys with assistance from Makoa Whitaker and Kyle Blagg.

Halloween Parade

Photos by Taylor Henderson



Monsters, Goblins and Ghosts? Oh My!

Images at left are of the Halloween Parade as it progressed through the upper-level main hallway to the approval and encouragement of the 7-12 students.

Leading the way in the photo at left is 5th Graders Emma G. and Levi C.

The next photo below continues with that section of the parade of 3rd Graders: Spiderman Xander S., followed by the Holstein, Kit J., Egyptian Joni B., and definitely scary monster, Evan L. The bottom photo captures the parade as it is about to end its hallway march with 2nd Grade boxing great Creed W. leading the way followed by a set of 6th Grade characters.



Veteran's Day Recognition

While it is not the blockbuster event full of the hoopla of Halloween.

November is an important month for providing two important remembering opportunities: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

This Veteran's Day was particularly special as it was the 100 Year Anniversary of the armistice ending WW I on November 11, 1918, which is the reason Veteran's Day falls on 11th of November (though when it falls on a Sunday, as this year, it means the business day off is the Monday following).

The armistice of 1918 did not prove to be the end of the war to end all wars, but it has provided us with an occasion to honor those who have served, voluntarily or otherwise.

To do their part in honoring veterans the K-3 levels hosted 8 veterans that were family or acquaintances in the Cafeteria on Tuesday, November 13.

The veterans shared their branch of Service and general globe trotting experiences that military service requires. In addition, several students shared the stories of additional veterans who were not able to attend the event in person. This information was placed on a special bulletin board to view as punch and cupcakes were served.

The Kindergarten class sang Grand Old Flag and presented each of the attending veterans with a thank you card.

This first ever event was coordinated by Cindie King with sponsorship support from the School District and the Sherman County Prevention Department.



Annual Holiday Tree Sale

Along with the tradition of a winter solstice holiday comes the Sherman tradition of a Yule Tree Sale fundraiser. The report from business manager Kim McKinney is the event has bounced between organizations, but that it pre-dates her being in high school. In recent years it has been a project for the sophomore class who will be in the parking lot selling trees from 8-5 PM Saturday, December 1.



While There Were Some Tricks; There Were Many Treats

Photos/Story by Daisy Brown and Taylor Henderson



It is hard to realize that Halloween was less than a month ago, but the school hosted this very American October 31 tradition in a variety of silly ways. For example, Mrs. Gabby Dumolt's 5th Period Skills class invited the 2nd Grade and Elementary Structured Learning students to a Halloween Extravaganza where they were tricked with a spooky police taped body-outline before being treated with games and candy. One of the treats above involves Necia B supervising paper pumpkin 'carving.'

Planning and leading this event were (as seen in their costumes for the day in picture at right: (L-R) Necia B, Sadie M and Summer C. Additionally, the entire elementary wing was involved in the Halloween Parade that began with a class walk in costume in front of the upper-level wing into the Event Center. Once there, a 'fashion show' and presentation of awards as pictured below.



FFA Ag Sales Team Results

by Taylor Henderson

The Sherman FFA chapter sent seven of its members to Prineville to compete in the District Ag. Sales competition. The Advanced Team placed 3rd, while the Beginning Team failed to place, but was handicapped on account of only being able to field 3 of the 4 members.

The repeated word from both Advisor Nels Swenson and Chapter President Savannah Moe was, however, "hard work." "Every member of the team stepped up with their effort," stated Mr. Swenson, echoed by Savannah reporting that "I am proud of the team's work, and their effort as individuals." Senior CJ Johnson did place first in her Customer Service Practicum and Freshman Joseph Ramos was 5th high individual.

The advanced team was comprised of Moe, Johnson, Jordan Barrett and Jed Harrison. The beginning team included Ramos, Cali Johnson and Allie Marker. "They worked really hard and I am looking forward to next year," Mr. Swenson concluded.

The FFA Holiday meeting will be held on Monday, December 3 starting at 6:15 PM for its annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. While regular business will be transacted, members should bring a gift of no more than \$15 to participate in the gift exchange.

Photo below courtesy of Savannah: (L-R from back): Jed H, Joseph R, Allie M, Savannah M, Jordan B, CJ J and Cali J.



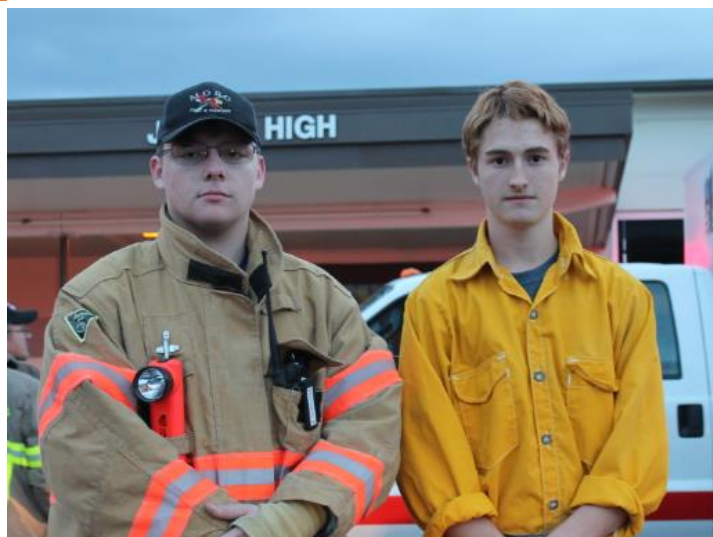


The Junior High collected 100 Husky Tickets in order to earn a Halloween Dance held Friday Oct. 26. L-R from back: Shelby H, Courtney C, Maddie B, Natalie M supporting, Kaelex P, Cadence S, Harmony B, Sawyer B, and Sean P; Front, a napping(?) Pyeper W, Tyler W-B, Kiyonae R and Emily L

(Photo by Aurora Baker)

Halloween was also dress-up day for students and staff as well as the community hosted Trunk or Treat event in the school parking lot. Those handing out candy on behalf of the Fire Department included high school volunteers in their professional attire: at far left is Marcus H, in full fire suppression mode, and below without the breathing protection gear along with Tyler B (L-R) (Photos by Nick Riggs)

Safe, Respectful and Responsible in Action



Conference Stats

With November bringing an end to the First Quarter, District Parent Conferences were held on the Thursday evening and Friday morning of the 8th and the 9th. Participation was exceptional at the K-6 level with 142 students of 157, or 90.4 percent, participating in parent-guardian meetings. At the 7-12 level participation was strong but fell down to 62 of 112, or 56.3 percent. Thus, one group gets an 'A' and . . . well it did average out to a District-wide 76.2 percent; slightly above average. The important point is to remember that education is a learning process and both home and school need each other's support in order to constantly hold students accountable for the efforts and discipline they need to practice in order to get the most of this incredible opportunity the community is offering them.

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